

Understanding that "local efforts" are all that set our stations apart from the myriad of communication choices available, we are keenly aware, and always active in efforts to provide the highest level of support for the communities that we serve. Despite a limited staff, due to the economic reality of serving a small population, I stand proud of our efforts to provide three full hours of news and information each day, plus our coverage of high school and college sports, community events and announcements on our bulletin board, as well as a daily call in show connecting listeners. The list of specific programs and events that we are involved in are numerous.

Remaining "connected" with our community involves our staff attending, and participating in nearly every civic, fund raising, church, social, and other activity that takes place.

I would encourage FCC staff and commissioners to attend some of these same functions "outside the metro," and here in real America to find out how local radio stations continue serving the community.

Every hour taken from my day defending our efforts such as this, and the looming possibility of spending even greater amounts of time documenting these activities simply satisfy a government agency, makes absolutely no sense.

The reality is that I and my staff will in fact have less time to dedicate to community service.

Please take time to find out the facts, not the hype of special interests barking for attention.

Free speech in a free economy has provided that the marketplace will determine what the majority of the public in fact is interested in.

We can go back to the days of "community service quota" where we banked dull programs in off hours that truly gathered limited listenership, and failed to serve the community, or we can truly fulfill our role as community service providers. I expect my competition would seize the opportunity the very first day that I failed to serve the "community interest."

Thanking you for your time, and honest consideration.

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